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For: STRUCTURE OF SPARK PLUG DESIGNED TO PROVIDE HIGHER WEAR  
RESISTANCE TO CENTER ELECTRODE AND PRODUCTION

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May 13, 2004

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Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated 04/20/2004 finding that the applicant has claimed two patentably distinct inventions (i.e., neither of which is made "obvious" in view of the other under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct invention I comprising claims 1-7 for further substantive examination in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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